

Amendments to Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1-75.

Add the following new claims:

76. (New) A bonded nonwoven fabric comprising at least one nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, said fabric having a basis weight between about 13-125 g/m², a grab tensile strength in both the machine- and cross-directions between about 0.9 to 3 N/(g/m²), normalized for basis weight, and a combination of Frazier permeability at least about 10 and up to about 30 m³/min-m² and hydrostatic head between about 70 and 99 cm.
77. (New) The bonded nonwoven fabric of claim 76, further comprising at least one nonwoven layer of meltblown fibers.
78. (New) The bonded nonwoven fabric of claim 77, further comprising a second nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, wherein said two nonwoven layers of spunbond fibers are bonded to opposite sides of said nonwoven layer of meltblown fibers.
79. (New) A bonded nonwoven fabric comprising at least one nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, said fabric having a basis weight between about 13-125 g/m², a grab tensile strength in both the machine- and cross-directions between about 0.9 to 3 N/(g/m²), normalized for basis weight, and a combination of Frazier permeability at least about 15 and up to about 30 m³/min-m² and hydrostatic head between about 70 and 99 cm.
80. (New) The bonded nonwoven fabric of any of claims 76-79, further comprising a fluorochemical coating deposited on said nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers.
81. (New) The bonded nonwoven fabric of any of claims 76-79, comprising fibers having an average fiber size of less than about 75 μm².
82. (New) The bonded nonwoven fabric of any of claims 76-79, wherein said bonded nonwoven fabric is thermally bonded.

83. (New) A garment comprising a bonded nonwoven fabric having at least one nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, said fabric having a basis weight between about 13-125 g/m², a grab tensile strength in both the machine- and cross-directions between about 0.9 to 3 N/(g/m²), normalized for basis weight, and a combination of Frazier permeability at least about 10 and up to about 30 m³/min-m² and hydrostatic head between about 70 and 99 cm.

84. (New) The garment of claim 83, further comprising at least one nonwoven layer of meltblown fibers.

85. (New) The garment of claim 84, further comprising a second nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, wherein said two nonwoven layers of spunbond fibers are bonded to opposite sides of said nonwoven layer of meltblown fibers.

86. (New) A garment comprising a bonded nonwoven fabric having at least one nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, said fabric having a basis weight between about 13-125 g/m², a grab tensile strength in both the machine- and cross-directions between about 0.9 to 3 N/(g/m²), normalized for basis weight, and a combination of Frazier permeability at least about 15 and up to about 30 m³/min-m² and hydrostatic head between about 70 and 99 cm.

87. (New) The garment of any of claims 83-86, further comprising a fluorochemical coating deposited on said nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers.

88. (New) The garment of any of claims 83-86, wherein said bonded nonwoven fabric is thermally bonded.